

ond and said, "The fathers rightly conceded that rank to the episcopate of ancient Rome because Rome was the mistress city." The council of Nice (6th cent.) said: "Let the ancient custom which has prevailed in Libya and Pentapolis, Egypt, that the bishops of Alexandria should have authority over all these places be still maintained since this is the custom also of the Roman bishop." Clement, the first writer after the apostles, writing for Rome chides the Corinthians in a tone of authority.

10. Conclusions

1. Jesus gave no specific directions concerning the organization and administration of the church because had he done so men would have unduly exalted the form, applying it without modification to all ages and circumstances and this would have been utterly unwise and disastrous.

2. Better than an unchangeable constitution God worked with the church raising up new officers as they were needed and changing them as needed, working in one way here and another there. It is this principle rather than any definite form or method which is unchangeable for the church.

3. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostolic church making its recorded history invaluable to us as a manual of methods but the same spirit is promised to us (Acts 2: 29) and the same head is over the church today (Matt. 28: 19; Eph. 1: 21-23) and He if followed will guide the church even as he guided it of old. It is for us to trust and obey.

The colored sunsets and starry heavens, the beautiful mountains and shining seas, the fragrant woods and painted flowers, are not half so beautiful as a soul that is serving Jesus out of love in the wear and tear of common, unpoetic life.—*Faber.*

A TRIBUTE

EMILY BEATRICE GNAGEY

Early on the morning of September 14th, 1901, when a thousand thousand solemn bells and mournful flags told that the soul of William McKinley had gone to a better world, the heart of a nation was broken. William McKinley is loved by these United States because he was our chosen ruler, because he was a brave soldier and a good citizen, because he was a patriot, a churchman and a friend; but first and greatest of all for his Christian character.

It is character that constitutes true greatness and it is character alone that abides. The life of President McKinley revealed such nobility of character that of him we truly say: "This was a man." He served his country many years in public life and always with integrity, with manliness. He was called to the highest position with which an American can be honored at a time when a crisis exceeded in its moment only by the crisis of the Civil War during Lincoln's administration, was breaking upon us. And he guided the Ship of State with statesmanship

and heroism. As a patriot he was faithful in the deepest sense. With Lincoln and Garfield he is a martyr whose memory we cherish and whom we shall teach our children to love, revere and imitate. The home-life of our departed President was beautiful. His devotion to his wife and mother was exemplary. Those who knew him best loved him most. While he lay in Buffalo stricken by the cowardly hand of an assassin his co-laborers in official life hastened to his side as friends. Thru-out the entire civilized world demonstrations of sincere grief unsurpassed in history were made; for his good will toward all men bound loyal hearts to him. There is something inexpressibly beautiful in the universal bereavement felt since he passed away. His large-heartedness and simplicity were uncommon, else he could not have won such world-wide loving favor.

Our tribute to William McKinley must be virtually a tribute to his Christian manhood which is an exceptional and beautiful tribute to the Christian religion. Whatever else we may say of him is included in what we say of him as a Christian. His faith in God made him strong to live; the same unfaltering faith sustained him in the presence of death and robbed death of victory. He fell, but he fell triumphant. His last words evince a tender solicitude for her who leaned upon him; and they are expressive of the spiritual life he lived.

He is dead, we say. Yet he lives in the hearts of eighty millions of devoted people. The Christian character of William McKinley, like all that is true and good and beautiful, is worthy of immortality.

"Year after year, thy name on history's pages,
Shall brighter grow in truth's transcendent ray;
Thine is the vindication of the ages,
And thine the crown that fadeth not away."

Ashland, O.

THE REVERED NAME

C. H. WETHERBE

I recently heard an address by a missionary who has spent many years in India. He first went there in 1857 and he has spent the most of the intervening years there. One thing which he said in his address impressed me much, and that is that the name of Jesus is universally revered by the natives of India who have any considerable knowledge of him. The missionary said that although the missionaries might be criticised, the name of Christ was not criticised. Fault was sometimes expressed with regard to some things which were said and done by the missionaries, but no fault was made against Christ. The natives seem to think that Jesus is so great and good and worthy that they ought to hold him in reverence. I think that this is a most impressive fact. It is in very wide contrast with the condition of things in our own land. While there are thousands of unconverted people in this country who have a marked respect for Christ, yet there are very many more who

reproach his name, who despise and curse him. And, what is worse, there are many thousands of professing Christians who do not even revere Christ's holy name. They not only utter his name in vain, but they practically tread under foot the blood which he shed for their salvation. Surely, this is vastly worse than the course which any heathen people pursue. The venerable missionary whom I heard speak said that there is a vastly increasing number of heathen in India who, as they come to hear of Jesus, are exceedingly anxious to know more about him; and this fact is universal in that land. Those people would be amazed if they knew that hundreds of thousands of people in this land, who brought up under Christian influences, treat the name of Christ with the contempt that they do. The greatest sinners in the world are not those who live in heathen lands, but they are those who reside in Christian countries. The greater the light is, which is abused, the greater sinners are they who abuse it. It is a more fearful thing to die unsaved amid Christian light than to die unsaved in heathen darkness.

ANARCHY IN AMERICA

C. F. YODER

The death of President McKinley has brought such a mingled feeling of sorrow and horror and wrath over the country and the world that no language can give it expression.

In the midst of peace and prosperity, in a land of liberty, under an administration which marks an epoch in the history of our country, the wisdom of whose policy is already so apparent, the first ruler of the world, a man who more than any other president before him enjoyed the love and confidence of the whole people, has been laid low by a creature born of anarchy.

The crime is the more dreadful because it was against a man whose very love for his fellow man exposed him to this Judas.

The details of the whole sad tragedy have been fully given by the press. We cannot recall the beloved martyr but we can direct the pent up feeling that aches for expression into practical work for the prevention forever of similar crimes.

1. The life of McKinley, so beautiful in its devotion to the invalid wife, so confident in the loving esteem of the people, so wise in seeking and supplying their needs, so sublime and absolutely Christ-like in the forgiveness and Christian fortitude manifested in his death, will be a priceless legacy to the world forever. As Lincoln was the first typical American in whom blended all the types from the Puritan of the North to the Cavalier of the South, so McKinley was a typical American,—the first to unite both north and south and east and west in solid loyalty to all the principles of our government. His life is not cut short. It has been glorified and will yet bear fruit in the ages to come.

2. The tremendous awakening of the people already indicates that God is overruling